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Smith Remains No. 1; Phillips, CF Explode Move to 1st

Landover, Md., June 8, 2013—Ben Smith, who finished third at the CrossFit Games in 2011, continues to lead the men in the Mid Atlantic Regional. The 23-year-old has built a 16-point buffer between him and second place. Meanwhile, perennial Games competitor Christy Phillips has moved to the top spot among the women, and CrossFit Explode hopped from first to second place in the team competition.

All told, individuals completed two events on the second of the three-day competition, as did teams.

For the individual athletes, the day kicked off with a long event: 100 wall balls at 14 lbs. for women and 20 lbs. for men to a 10-foot target, 100 chest-to-bar pull-ups, 100 one-legged alternating squats and 100 one-armed dumbbell snatches at 70 lbs. for men and 50 lbs. for women. The second and final event of the day was 21, 15 and then 9 repetitions of deadlifts at 205 lbs. for women and 315 lbs. for men, with box jumps at 24 inches for women and 30 inches for men.

For the teams, the morning started in a similar fashion with some twists. Each member of the six-person squad had to complete 30 wall balls, 30 chest-to-bar pull-ups, 30 one-legged alternating squats and 30 one-armed dumbbell snatches. The second team event also mimicked the individual workout except one man on the team completed 21, 15 and then 9 reps of deadlifts and box jumps, then a woman followed suit.

At the end of the day, the overall standings were as follows:

Men

1. Ben Smith (15 points)
2. Kyle Ruth (31 points)
3. Gary Helmick (31 points)

Women

1. Christy Phillips (18 points)
2. Gretchen Kittelberger (24 points)
3. Michelle Crawford (28 points)

Teams

1. CrossFit Explode (12 points)
2. RAW Training (17 points)
3. CrossFit Reston (28 points)

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